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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 26, 2003, and the requirement contained therein to elect for prosecution purposes a single species of the disclosed invention, kindly amend the above-captioned application as set forth herein, being advised that:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in a complete listing of the pending claims begins on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 27.

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